Chief Minister (**Sri. C. Kesavan**) :

(*a*) Three—Avoli
Arakuzha
Marika

(*b*) Avoli and Arakuzha are functioning now but Marika Village Uplift Centre has been abolished and the work of that centre has been taken over by the Koothattukulam Village Union.

(*c*) The amount allotted for each Village Uplift Centre is Rs. 25,000. But Avoli centre has been given an additional allotment of Rs. 2,000 for the construction of 4 wells.

(*d*)

	Sanctioned Rs.	*Spent* Rs.
Avoli	27,000	25,000
Arakuzhi	25,000	19,025
Marika	25.000	11,970

PANCHAYAT ACT

*853. [51] **Sri. P. M. Varghese :** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Local Self Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) what the reasons are for delaying the implementation of the new Panchayat Act : and

(*b*) the time when Panchayats will regularly begin to function ?

Chief Minister (**Sri. C. Kesavan**) :

(*a*) Panchayats can be constituted only after completing the preliminary steps. There is no delay in taking the necessary preliminary steps. The final electoral rolls, according to which elections are to be conducted, will be ready only by the end of July 1951.

(*b*) Before the end of this year.

OPENING OF A SLUICE

*854. [56] **Sri Alias Mary Antony :** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Public Works and Communications be pleased to state :

(*a*) Whether it was after the Hon'ble Minister had visited the entire site and convinced of the great utility and good that would accrue by opening the sluice from 7/S EBC that he passed final orders and instructed the Chief Engineer in September 1950 to proceed with the work of opening the sluice without delay; and

(*b*) Whether there is any insurmountable difficulty to open the sluice now even after six months of this order ?

Chief Minister (**Sri C. Kesavan :**)

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Lands have to be acquired and hence the delay in completing the work.

SALT MANUFACTURE AT MALIPURAM

*855 [61] **Sri M. I. Paul :** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Industries, Excise and Local Self Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) how many acres of land have been set apart at Malipuram for salt manufacturing :

(*b*) how many acres of land have been actually assigned to the party concerned for the operation and out of which what area is actually under operation ;

(*c*) the terms and conditions made in the agreement between the Government and the party concerned; and

(*d*) whether it is a fact that effective fishing is being done by the party from a portion of this area; if so what action has been taken on that ?

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